father coller per yard out of the city for patent in it seed not surprise any one if this attempt doubt jet be made, and the contractors endeavor to socia jet of the feet, on the ground that their contract with the city does not provide that the price abili cover them and then throw the burden on the city, increasing the cost of the pavement to \$7 38 per yard.

So med for the beauties of this beautiful contract. and par for the beauties of the pavement itse f.

It say weigh 215 lbs. per square yard; but whether this few, all experience proves that this weight is garas "to be similar," weighs 237 lbs. per yard. The percement in Court street, Boston, which is re gred to in the article in THE TREATER of the Sth weighs over 350 lbs. per square yard, and this he secred to be the only really good pavement of the Better, has proced to be entirely insufficient for the mile. If, a is observed in the article referred to, the pavernent in Countaint street should be heavier that is Countainest, Boston, in consequence of here being more travel over it, what will be the result diging a payement 135 lbs. per equare yard lighter he pec . . ber provides that:

"when a number of circles or cylinders shall not second tout filling the entire space between the gatter-bal arcies" hat purpose, and not chipped or broken, make a good, fair and even joint." interest of the interestices between the iron etters have been filled up with all ends, locking like the broken castign from some conk-stove foundery, mixed with cobstores and other rabbish. The pot metal pavement Courtisandt street is already a by-word.

This charming little episode in our contracting syssen, through all its phases, is one of the most impudent is ever perpetrated; and the officials who have made ever perpetrated; and the officials who have made the contract, as well as those who have had charge of its execution, have shown themselves entirely unfit for their places, whether they take one horn or the other of the dilemma. They must acknowledge themselves as entirely and grossly ignorant of the manner of specifying the work to be let, and the common dodges and schemes of shrewd contractors, both in bilding for and executing their work, or they must submit to the suspicion that they are in direct and posgive coulus on.

CARL PORMES.

The Opera during the last four or five nights has ajoyed unusual success. The audiences have been le, and in fact superior to the real accommodations smple, and in fact superior to the real accounting. The sovelty in singing has been Mr. Formes; in compostice, Robert ie Diable. The eminent German base recalist appeared disadvantageously at first, as he had s cold rendered evident by a physician's certificate, er what was better (or worse), by his diminished abil-ty. For some economical reason, basses always take the part of candidates for the gallows-such as vilhine-in chief, subterraneau schemers of the flesh or the devil, or at best heavy fathers upon whom daughters lean during a bit of solo in the orchestra. But the bass being the manliest because the deepest voice, and alone capable of all the voices of giving black as vell as white potes (if we may so lay on the chro matic detinction), is really the truest voice for the heroic byer, as none but the brave deserve the fair. Such a wer can be terrible as well as tender, diabolical as well divine, and no tenor can have the same scope, even The bring the immense intellectuality of a Duprez to ber upon his readings and declamations. Unques mabiy the lyrical tragedy, where a Romeo or Othello burns, rages, and dies miserably of love's darts pois med, would gain if intrusted to a great passionate base roce. But with these stuths, which ought to be patest, composers run in the old grooves, and their ides expression of man's love is the voice most cosely approximating in vibration and quality to the feminine voice. The next innovation in opera, therefore, should be the transmogrification of the basso from the villain into the lover. If such were dode, some of the greatest artists would show most excellent qualities little dreamt of in their present circle of operate action. Especially would this be the case with Mr. Formes. He is no burricace-deck bass. He is a base-centante, the very man to show that manly vol sme and depth of tone are the best for the grand passee. Indeed, we were convinced of this in hearing him in Martha, where he has a little approach to a certain kind of sentiment not found in Robert-with its out-decrish word of command, and brimstone fatherly depablicas. But to come to a more particular word

w to the qualities of this artist: Mr. Formes is a well-built, stout, intelligent-looking, agreeably-visaged man, with nothing fiend-like about him except what paint and plaister can effect. The quality of his organ is English, not Italian-and there is a distinction in national voice as broad and clear is national facial type. This English quality is a cerlain healthiness, heartiness, to be considered apart from the epiritual beauty or intensified or tear-fraught expression which the voice may possess intrinsically. His method is not irreproachable, but capable of emendation in his mode of attacking the notes, which sometimes deficient in vibratory force at the outset of the syllabification. This gives the impression of less volume in the louder decismation than he really pos sesses. His style is ample and flexile, for while large in serious parts it is easy and voluble in the comic. His intenstion at first was egregiously faulty, but has needed since. As an actor he is good—best in comedy. His presence has been the signal for an influx of onic auditors; and, in fact, we judge that the Garmans at the Academy, over and above the natives not counted, were as numerous as any audience in a German opera-house. Whatever reticence of applause syldent from his countrymen at his impersonation of Bertram was more than made up on Saturday, when Martha was given. It is worthy of remark, after all the combustion in Germany about "the music of the fature," the most really popular work by a German composer is the French bravery of this pretty work. It is nice jelly music, there being but little occasion for er aim at the heavier work of the drams. A really large fine solo for Formes would be a great accession to its etock of pieces, which do not include a superiative meledy—the most ambitious of them, that of the Saale of the third act, being faulty. But it is no wonder young composers fall short in such cases, considering how atterly bald all technical rules are in refersees to the grammar and rhetoric of a well-constructed meledy. If such a man as Rossini had ever chosen to siedic secret, Flotow would not have made the jejune work of commencing four phrases, answering to four lines of poetry, from the same point, and then, after giving a climax and a descent requiring a fall, retraced an ascension to the key-note. Indeed in no branch of art is there such canonical destitution, and therefore so much need for a gradus ad Parnassum, w in melody. Criticism on this head has hardly any axistence Beyond a general laudation of the mos venerable hodge-podge melodies of the oldert orato rice, and a sublimated disregard for metrical variety over and above the stalest ismbie platitudes, there hardly a word to be met with in regard to melody.

EXCURNISH OF THE NATIONAL GUARD .- We fad the following paragraph in The Baltimore Patriot of

yesterday:
"A letter has been received in this city from New "A letter has been received in this city from New-York, stating that the National Guard are making preparation to visit the City of Baltimore on or about the 15th of April, en which occasion they will muster 150 mea, all of which will constitute a ploked corps from the justly renowned Seventh Regiment of National Guards. The corps will be under the command of Gen J. W. Van Riper, an officer of considerable distinction. It is stated that the visiting corps is not surpassed by any body of mea for military discipline, martial appearance, and beauty of costume. They will be accompanied by the celebrated Dodworth Band, whose equisite performances on several occasions in this city are still treasured among the most valued reminiscences of the past. The determination of the Guard in paying a visit to their brother soldiers of Baltimore will doubtless prove a sincere gratification, and it is hoped may tend to infuse more energy and spirit into the several regiments. The visitors will remain energed days here."

CITY ITEMS.

I' appears that the project of widening Reads street. in the matter of assessments, is likely to meet with considerable opposition when the case comes up in the Supreme Court on the 19th of this month, for the con-Simation of the work of the Commissioners. When the subject was finally passed upon by the Common Council, very little, if any, hostility was manifested. Yesterday, in pursuance of advertisement, about twenty property-owners, who are interested in the expenses of the improvement, met at the office of Mr. T. B. Bleecker, one of the Commissioners, in William street, for the purpose of presenting additional ob jections to the widening. Mr. Bleecker stated that it was too late to receive objections, oral or written, as the Commissioners had given the thirty days' notice required by law, and had also sat ten days subsequently to hear what those opposed had to say. He received such written objections as were offered, however, but said he did not think the Court would entertain them Mr. Bleecker also stated that the advertisement calling the property owners to meet at his office, was inserted by the Cour sel to the Corporation without the authority or knowl edge of the Commissioners. It is alleged that but for the hard times none of this opposition would be made.

RECEIPTS OF TAXES .- Yesterday being the 15th of December, when 2 per cent was to be added to all taxes then uppaid, the throng at the Receiver's office on the day before was very large, and the last payment was made as late as 6 o'clock p. m. The payments for

six days preceding are as follow	187
Dec. 8	\$20 454 55
Dec. 9	17.675 57
Dec. 10	31,423 64
Dec. 11	44 788 31
Dec. 12	
Dec. 14	
Previously received	5,682 579 28

Total.....\$6,000,737 29 The receipts so far this month exceed those of last December by some \$80,000; while the total excess of this year is near half a million over last. The amount received for interest from the 1st to the 15th of this month is \$3.872 74. On and after the let of next January 12 per cent per annum will be added to the taxes not then paid.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE'S SHOW OF FAT CATTLE AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.—Like some other great bodies' great undertakings, this last effort of the American Institute to get up a great cattle show has resulted in a great failure. The public have been a little excited upon the subject of turning the Crystal Palace into a stable, or sort of Bull's Head, for the exhibitica and sale of fat cattle, and this was made use of as an argument for removing the Palace, in a late discussion in the Board of Aldermen. The public, and the public's humble servants, the Aldermen, may quiet their fears upon this head, about this bull's head the bulls will not injure the Palace this year.

We went up yesterday on purpose to see and repor upon the great show which we had seen greatly advertired in newspapers and handbills, in public places, railcars and upon brick piles and broad fences, expect ing to find sights worth seeing; and in this we were not disappointed. We did find a good show of fat cattle. We really did not expect to find as many as we shall find to-day only three squares off, at the Cattle market. We did not expect to find a thousand; we did not know but we might find a hundred head of fine beeves worth showing. But we didn't, nor fifty, nor forty, nor thirty, nor twenty, but here is what we did find.

Threes pair of four-year old grade Durham steer three-fourths or more of pure blood, raised upon the farm of Gov. Shelby, in Kentucky, and sent forward with others for beef last May, and bought by the following persons, who have shown their skill in feeding to great perfection:

J. Van Alstyne of Celumbia County, N. Y., one

pair, one of which is a remarkably fine animal. pair now weigh 4,180 pounds.

Charles G. Teed of Westchester County, N. Y., one

pair that weigh 4,580 pounds.

Thomas Wheeler of the same County, one pair that

weigh 4,480 pounds. There is really but little différence in the value of the three pairs, except the extra hundred pounds upon Mr. Teed's, as the beef of all is well confirmed, and will show finely marbled meat when batchered. Mr. Teed's steers have evidently had the most attontion, and show a little the smoothest, while one of Mr. Van Aletyne's is real y the finest animal in the lot.

Beside the above, there is a pair of native red oxer of about the same weight of the above, fed by Levi Van Vleet of Clinton, Dutchess County. These are an aged pair of work oxen, that have been well fed, and

Then there is a pair of white grade Durhams, six of seven years old, fed in Westchester County, by Har-rison Barnes, that weigh 4,350 pounds, and are good beeves, but do not show that they have had such nice

There is a very fine white Durham heifer, barren and fat, four years old-no weight given-fed by Charles Bathgate of Westchester County.

With the exception of three tolerably good steers, brought in by Col. Devoe, "to help to fill up," the above constitutes the great show of fat cattle. There is, beside ,in the exhibition a mean grad

Devon bull; a pair of heifers marked " Darham"-to us some new breed-owned by Ben Whitlock, who may knew good liquor and fancy horses, but he don' know Durhams if he calls these by that name. He also has a " Dutch cow," with a very fat calf. Ther is also exhibited, but whether for a beef pro

minm or not, we cannot say, a mediocre Maltese Jack. Fat Sheep -Of these we find three ewes that look as though they were part South Down and part Cottswold, very good, but nothing remarkable, from Daniel Sands, Dutchess County.

Lambs.—Ten grade South Down from A. E. Hop-

kins, Carmel, Putnam County.

Prolific Sheep.—Robert L. Pell having bought the entire flock of Capt. Smith's Nankin sheep, seventy two in number, and having them on their way to his farm, has brought them into the Palace for exhibition, and they certainly are a curiosity. The value of the breed consists in their prolificness for meat rather than wool. Three years ago, Capt. Smith imported three ewes, in lamb, out of which Mr. Pell says he has killed for mutton, or had destroyed, 36 head, and lost 45 ambs. He sold first to Mr. Pell three ewes and one buck, and these number 16 now, and those, with the 72 now purchased, make 83, while the whole increase f living, would make a flock of 169 head. One ewe had 12 lambs in fifteen months. One in the pen now has three small lambs. The flock have lived out of doors upon Capt. Smith's island, and had lambs in the Winter, in a very promiscuous manner.

So far we have enumerated the Cattle Show, unle we include some coope of pigeons. Of poultry we saw none, slive or dead, and cannot say there are any 'dead rabbits" in the show, or that it is attractive enough to bring any to the exhibition.

SMALL-Pox .- Many unfounded ramors baving gone abroad as to the spread of this disease and its great fatality, we have taken the pains to inquire at the City Inspector's Office, and can say, for the benefit of a concerned, that the City Inspector has, through the Health Wardens, had every rumored case thoroughly investigated, and the report has invariably shown that these rumors were in almost every case totally unfounded. For instance, a report was published that the small-pox was very prevalent in Marion street. It was well known in the City Inspector's Department that there had been several cases in Morton street, but the report noticed above stated that Marion street was infected. On this information, the Health Warden of the Fourteenth Ward examined every house in Maries street and found no one case of contagious or infection disease. It is proper to say in this connection, that the Health Warden of the Ninth Ward reports that the Dispensary practice in the district bounded by

Spring and Twenty-third streets, Broadway and North River, there were but tweety-odd cases in November, only one of which was fatal. Thus far, this mouth, only four cares are reported. The City Inspector has taken measures to have all localities where an overcrowded population exists theroughly cleaned and purified. From all that we can learn, we are satisfied that this dreaded disease is on the decrease, and the cases that now occur may be fairly classed as spo-

TRIBUTE TO A DECEASED MISSIONARY. - The M. E. Church in Seventh street was crowded on Monday evening with the friends of the late Mrs. Wilking They met to honor the memory of a devoted woman, who had just passed away, after a service of twenty years in Africa, as a missionary-for a portion of the time being the only white missionary in Liberia. Daring this long period she was at the head of the female schools, composed of the children of the colonists and natives. The Rev. Dr. Bangs presided, and the meeting was addressed by the Rev. Chairman, the Rev. Dr. Durbin, Bishop James, and the Rev. J. J. Mathias; the latter genteman formerly Governor of Grand Bassa. Mr. Mathias went to Africa in 1837, and in the vessel that conveyed that gentleman Mrs. Wilkins was a passenger. He paid a beautiful tribute to her worth. He said she was an example to all that were on board, passengers and crew-and the character she then obtained continued through the mary years she was engaged as a teacher. Hundreds who have been under her instruction will gratefully remember the many acts of kindness they have received at her hands. She returned to this country a short time size efor the benefit of her health, but she has " ceased at once to work and live."

PORTUGUESE APPOINTMENTS .- Crear H. S. de la Figuriere, late Portuguese Consul for New-York (who was suspended for alleged implication in the fitting out of slavers from this port), has been transferred by his Government to a Consulship in Denmark and the ports of Holstein. The vacancy thus created has been filled by the appointment of Thomas Ribeiro dos Santos, formerly Consul at Maranham in Brazil.

It is said that Wm. H. Aspinwall, esq , of this city sent home a painting the other day—a geouise Murillo, which was appraised in the Custom-House at thirty thousand dollars.

ARRIVAL OF LAMAS.-The brig E. Drumme Capt. Chapman, arrived at this port on Tuesday merzing from Aspinwall, has on board a flock of 42 amas, consigned to James Fisher & Son. These animals are Alpacas, and were brought from the Cordillerss to Guayaquil, and from thence shipped to Panama, and forwarded to Aspinwall by railroad. Originally there were 71 taken on board the E. Drummond; but owing to heavy weather on the passage 29 of them died. The E. Drummond put into Key West on the 4th irst , where the animals were much recruited. She sailed from thence on the 5th, bringing the remainder to this port in good order.

The animals were purchased by a French gentleman, sent out by a New-York company to South Amer-ica last Spring, and are a choice lot of the breed called "Auchania." The lams belongs to the group Ruminantia, which is divided into four families, the camel, giraffe, deer and antelopes and oxen. The geaus Aucharia differs from the camel in being destitute of humps on the back. The legs are shorter than in the camel. The neck is long-more vertical. The ears and hoofs are long. The toes are separated, or not united, as in the camel, by a callous sole. The notual species of this genus belong to this continent exclusively, where they represent the camels of the East-ern. They are confined to the mountainous regions of South America The lama, the most comm the species, is as large as a stag, and was known at the time of the conquest of Peru by Pizarre, in 1534, and indeed was the only domesticated animal, being for the inhabitants of that country what the reindeer is to the Laplanders. These animals, it is said, are to be introduced among the elevated portions of New-England, where sheep and alpacas flourish. This anmal is extremely bardy, and is said to breed rapidly, but it is valuable only for its wool.

A COUNTRY MERCHANT ARRESTED ON A CHARGE OF FALSE PRETENSES - Yesterday afternoon, Officer Latte, attached to the First District Police Court, returned from Smithville, Jefferson County, in this State, having in custody Mr. Abraham Kromer, late a merchant doing business at that place, whom he apprehended on a warrant issued by Justice Osborn. Kromer is charged with having, by means of false and fraudulent representations, chested and defrauded the firm of Wm. Way & Co., merchants doing business at No. 72 Murray street. Mr. Way alleges that on the 13th of May last Kromer called upon and desired to relative to his ability to pay, he represented that he was worth \$7,900 or \$8,000 over and above his debts and liabilities; that he was not indebted to any one for goods, and that he was abundantly able to meet his notes when they fell due Relying upon his statements, Meers. Way & Co. sold and delivered to Kromer goods amounting in value to \$569 92, taking his note at six months. On or about the 14th of Octo ber last, Kromer again called upon Way & Co., and repeating his former representations, wished to obtain more goods upon credit, and at the same time asked as a favor an extension of time on his note. Way & Co. again sold him goods to the amount of \$162 90 A few days ago Mr. Way met Kromer at Smithville, when the latter told him that he had failed, and had made an assignment for the benefit of his weditors. Mr. W. then instituted further inquiries, and found that Kramer, at the time of making the purchases aforesaid, was insolvent, and that his statements and reprecentations were entirely false. The accused was com mitted by Justice Osborn to swait an examination. Upon reaching Rome, Oneids County, the friends of Kremer attempted to procure his liberation by a writ of habeas corpus, but the Judge before whom the writ was returnable remanded the accused to the custody of the officer, who left for New York and arrived safely without further molectation.

AN ACENT CHARGED WITH PERJURY .- Yesterday afternoon an Irishman named Patrick M. Temple, a house agent, doing business and residing at No. 9 State street, was arrested by Officer Webb of the Lower Police Court on a charge of perjury, preferred sesinet him by Mr. August Bergen of No. 45 White hall street. It appears that on the 16th day of October last a suit, which had been entered against Temple by Mr. Bergen, was brought to trial in the Court of Common Pleas, and that Temple, while on the witness stand, gave some evidence which had no foundation in truth. Upon Temple's testimony, which savored of truth, the Jury rendered a verdict in his favor. A few days ago Mr. Bergen made affidavit at the Lower Police Court, charging Temple with willful and corrapt perjury, and a warrant was forthwith issued for his arrest. The accused was taken before Justice Welsh and held for trial. Temple was apprehended some days age by another officer, but at the time managed to eccape by leaping from the window of a room into which he had begged permission to step, for the purpose of arranging some papers.

A New Dongs.-On Friday last a Prussian named Charles Shock, residing on Staten Island, perpetrated a meet rasca'ly swindle upon a poor German girl parred Amelia Fauble, who was living with so friends at No. 160 West Forty-eighth street, she being out of a situation. Shock, it appears, called apon her and represented that she could procure a good situation by applying immediately at a certain place in Brocklyn. The girl, being very anxious to procure employment, left for Brocklyn, but was scarcely out of sight before Shock, accompanied by a cartmen named Francis Murphy, whom he had employed, pre-receded to Amelia's apartments and stole therefrom a large box containing a featherbod, dresses, chawis, and a variety of other property to the value of nearly \$65. The box was placed upon the cart, and Sturphy was

ordered to take it to No 419 Pearl street. After the lapee of several bours Amelia returned from the fool's errand upon which Shook had cent her and entered her home to find that she had been robbed of all that she had possessed in the world. After a few moment? reflection she determined upon informing the police of the matter. She then proceeded down town, and meeting policeman Plyon of the Sixth Precise, related her grievances to him. The officer took the matter in hand, and in a little time succeeded in trasing the bex of stolen goods to No. 419 Pearl street. officer took charge of the property and arrested Shock, whom he found in the house. The fellow was taken before Justice Weish for examination. He plead guilty to the charge made by Amelia, and was committed to the Tombe for trial in default of \$1,000 ball. The ber was returned to the poer sirl, and she went her way rejoicing at the recovery of her

FERRY ACCIDIST .- As the Staten Islander steam hoat was coming up yesterday morning, on her second trip, an accident occurred to the upper part of her machinery which created much slarm and some incom The boat had just left the Saug Harbor venience. Landing when the accident occurred, and as the machinery crashed among the wood work, the passengers. ladies especially, were much frightened. They were soon reassured, however, and the Wyoming, being near, took her in tow as far as New Brighton, and thence brought up the passengers at twenty cents a

SEIZURE OF SMEGGLED CIGARS.-Inspector Wind ser of the Custom-House, yesterday seized 16,000 cigars, on the schooner Kate Hellem, recently arrived from Matanzas. In the course of his official examination of the vessel, he discovered these cigars in the cabin, and referring to the manifest did not find them noted, whereupon he informed the Collector, and was ordered to send them to the public store. Captain Chamberlain of the schooner, explains the matter thus: He lost the invoice of these cigars, and having no bill of lading, supposed he had entered all the cigars on board, on the manifest, instead of which he had estered only 29,000, omitting the 16,000. The cigars were seized in the Captain's absence. It is but ust to observe, however, that there did not appear to be any effort at concoalment on his part, and he feels confident that he will be able to clear himself of the charge of smugging.

THE CHARGE AGAINST COUNSELOR SPENCES AND JUSTICE CONNOLLY .- A statement appeared in THE TRIBUNE of yesterday in connection with the trial of the case of Pyne agt. Spencer, which it is alleged was calculated to do injustice to Judge Connolly and Mr. Charles S. Spencer, as they assert has since been proved by the statements of Judge O'Connor and Robert D. Holmes, one of the counselors in the case, which are appended. The difficulty grew out of the question whether Mr. Spencer was entitled to the whole or any part of the funds remaining unpaid to the wife after her reunion with her husband; and the judgment of the Court was in Mr. Spencer's favor, by secording to bim a fee of \$50, to be deducted from the funds. The following letters will explain the matter

fully:

To the Editor of The N Y Tribuna.

Sin: In a report of the trial of Pine agt. Spencer, ou Friday last, I find that it states that "Judge O'Counor said from the "evidence that Jostice Councily and Mr. Spencer had stapped "from the path of doty, and he, therefore gave judgment for "Mrs Pyne, the plaintiff" I did not use this language. I stated substantially that I would give judgment in favor of the plaintiff on the ground that the spreament with her had not been entirely carried into effect by reason of the parties, man and wife, again cohabiting stogether.

I made no animadversions on the conduct of any of the parties concerned.

Jurge Connolly, was but a witness in the case, stated in his evidence that he had held the balance of the money in his hands subject to the order of any person entitled to it, from the time it had been deposited with him.

The defendent in his testimony fully and fairly stated all the circumstances connected with the case—insisted as a matter of right and contract on his past, that he was not liable to the simulation of the demand made. I was impressed with a conviction of the good faith with which he regarded the transaction.

In giving judgment I made an allowance for his services, of \$50.

To the Editor of The N I. Tribone.

Bins: In the matter of the case of Mrs. Pyns, referred to its your paper of this day the course pursued by me was the custom pursues by magistrates for years back, and was dictated solely by a desire to protect a poor girl from distress, who had been heaten, and hedly treated, and turned out of doors by Mrs. Pyne and her son, the keepers of a low grogery in Cherry st. Mrs. Pyte and her son were repeatedly arrested before the sime referred to, and on their promise to reform were forgiven by Mrs. Pype, if.

Mrs. Fysic and her son were repeatedly arrested before in simple referred to, and on their promise to reform were forgiven by Mss. Pyne, ir.

So far as Mr. Spencer was concerted, I saw nothing but what was henorable suc fair. I was no party to the sait, but mere ys witness; I stated on the trial that I was prepared to pay the balance in my hands to the proper party when called upon. Very respectfully.

Chas. S. Spincha, eq.—Sir. In answer to your note of this morning with reference to the case of Pyne ag. Spencer (your said), recently tried before Justice O'Connor. I roply, that Justice Connolly was not a party defendant in the action but was simply a witness on your behalf; that you did ofer after the action was commenced, to refer the matter to any respectable counsellor at-law whom I might nominate that you would pay the expense of the reference, and immediately pay gay award that the refere might give.

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It is also proper to state that the evidence upon the question it is also proper to state that the envise of a very contradictory character, and I suppose it was in view of this fact that they justice has made you the very liberal allowance of \$50 by the Justice has made you the very liberal allowance of \$50 by

the Justice has made you the very liberal allowance of \$50 by way of counsel fee for your services in releasing Mrs. Prue's ace. I am informed that it is customary with our city magistrates to exercise a wide discretion in cases of this kind, and believe that Justice Councily had ample precedents for the occase he pursued in discharging Pyne without ball; the strict lorselity of the matter is, however, another question.

Upon the whole case in my judgment, it may be fully and properly assumed that there has been no deare on your part to keep from Mrs. Pyne any moneys to which she was legally entitled.

Very respectfully your,
ROBERT D. HOLMES.

IMPOSITION.

To the Editor of The N. Y. Tribune. Sin: It is understood that a number of persons, both men and women, are engaged in soliciting our citizens and our friends in the country for funds for the Children's Aid Society. friends in the country for funds for the Calidren's And Society. The public should be informed that we have so collectors at present, and that these persons are impostors, who are making disgraceful living on this imposition. This time of suffering among the poor, breeds false charities and chests, who turn the sympathies of the public into their own pockets.

C. L. BRACE, Secretary.

Children's Aid Society, No. 11 Clinton Hall, Astor Place, New

York, Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1857.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF A YOUNG GIRL.

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To the Editor of The N. Y. Tribuna.

Sir: While residing in New-York last Spring, a young lady named Mortha M. Jeffery (my daughter), about eighteen years of age, left my house on the 6th of April last, to go to her place of business, but never reached there, since which time she has not been neared of by her frends. It is feared she has been decoyed or seduc-d away by a married man named Daniel Hays, who left his wife about the same time. He was a watchman in Washington Market, New-York. By trade he was a machinist, and has followed the water. My child was an entire stranger in the city, and an innocent, unsuspecting girl. She was of low stature, rather broad shoulders, chestnat-brown hair, fair skin, dark brown or almost black eyes, requiar, round-formed features and small hands. When she left home she wore a straw bonnet, with tan colored trimming, pink dress, heavy Thibet about, red earler, deep, rich border.

This Daniel Hays is about 32 years of age, of low stature, broad, round shoulders, blue eyes, fair complexion, and has a queer expression of speech. He has resided on Long lained, and near Gaiveston, Texas.

Any information concerning her, or of him, will be most than fully and gratefully received by addressing E. Dolan, case of J. A. J. Sery, No. 157 Pond street, Providence, R. I.

Will the papers please copy throughest the United States and Cas das, so if my child be living, she may be snatched from vice and ruin and be restored to ne friends?

EDOLAN.

CORRECTION. To the Editor of The N. Y. Tribuna

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Sin: In my testimony before Coroner Connery, on yesterday, in the case of Michael Dunlay, deceased. I swore there was no arterial hemorphage—while you, omitting the me, after my testimony very much; and again, in another place, you insert test I disturbed the union that was established, whereas it should have been: I was of the opinion that when Dr. Mott arrived he disturbed the union that was established, and performed an uncalled-for operation; also he states that Dr. Stewart was in attendance from the commencement, which is not true

ROBERT JOHNSTON, M. D.,

No. York, Dec. 15, 1839.

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a child, who died from the effects of scales. On Sunday last
the deceased upset a dish of scalding fat from the store upon
her, from the effects of which death caused. The Jary readered
a verdict of death from scales adoidentally received by the upsetting of a pan of fat.

A BURGLAR CAPTURED. — Yesterday afternoon John
Cornell, blas Millers was recorded by Odicar Williams, charged

Andrew See'ey wishes us to say that he is a "bost" man" instead of a laborer, and that he has been handsomely rewarded for the receivery of the body of the boy Gaskins.

CHAPGED WITH ROBBING & LETTER -An Ideb

Burkey. It was from her sister in Hissole, and destrod her forthwith its lower flew link and come to the West. The writer stated that inclosed was a check for \$3.5 hat Mrs. Her rider stated that inclosed was a check for \$3.5 hat Mrs. Her witch was worthless. She therefore charsed that Kavannach council the latter and show the check having it its place the queer bills. Justice Davisop committed Gavannach to Prison for a proposal countries.

GIRSON'S SIRUP.—As there seems to be a doubt.

fu feeling in relation to the sale of Gunon's flaur. I can easily say and certify that I am selling more of it than any other preparation now is use, and the pumphics any money or fanded it us relief. No one has yet called for their mensy back.

C. H. Erro, corner of Broadway and John-st.

Only those who have suffered the miseries

2 000 Portraits of the People for the Holidays can be taken in the bishest state of perfection, at cost, varying from 25 cents to \$4.0-Photographs. Now is the time to thest your friends with striking likenesses at little cost. By No. MES. No. 229 Broaders.

PURDY'S NATIONAL THEAT .—That neat and pessing Disma of "St. May's Eve" is to be performed at this prespectus Theater To. Night, with, for the first time, the new and successful Drama of "The Revolt in India" and the Comedy of "In and Out of Place," which, with the Divertisement given by the "Carle Famus" the Crystal Pyramid, Grand Accession on a since Wheel, Ac., will form one of the best extertainments in the city.

DISEASES OF THE THROAT AND LUNGS
Oured by wearing as Otton Silk Plaster,
Moistened with J. R. Stavyoun's Otton Fra.
Plasters 25 certs, Olive Tes 30 cents a bettle.
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and applying an Ofntment made of J. B. Stafford's Olive Tar
and Mutton Tallow. Solid at No. 18 State-et. and all Drugsiesa.
Twelve Powders for \$1; Olive Tar 50 cents; Ointment 25 cents.

BROOKLYN ITEMS.

FIRE DEPARTMENT .- The Board of Representatives of the Fire Department (W. D.) tast on Monday evening, and elected the following officers for the entuing year: Marins Brandergee, President: Bonjamin Wood, ir., Mice Fresident: Wen Burrell, Treasurer, and John W. Underhill, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. CONVENTION.—A Convention of the Sabbath School teachers of the evangelical charches in the County of Kings assumbled in the Pierreport street Baptist Church yesterday. The object of the Convention was to form a County of Association which should be suxiliarly to the State Society formed a short time since at Rechester. Representatives from every school in the county were present. The meeting organized by the appointment of A L. Van Baron as temporary Chairman and Wm. Hager as Secretary. After a prayer by the Rev. Jeremiah Johnson, Messes, Geo. W. Bisecker and A. D. Matthews were appointed a Committee to recommend a Constitution and appoint a State Representative. Committees on erganization and business were appointed, after which addresses were delivered by several electrymes present. In the svecing, services were held in the church, relative to the purposse of the Association.

AN OLD SETTLER -Yesterday was the 105th birth day of an old Revolutionary sire, named David Davis. He is now residing at No. 60 Combertand street. He served in many of the battles of the Revolution, and, though poor and infirm, will is not competied, through the sasistance of some kind friends, to resort to public charity for emport.

LOANING A BADGE .-- A fireman was suspended by

ROBBED.—The bark Stevens lying at the foot of Washington alrest, was robbed, on Monday afternoon, of clothing, valued at about \$56, belonging to the mate of the vessel.

SUDDEN DEATS —A boy named Hugh McCall, and about two years died suddenly at No. 14 Franklin place testerday morning. A Coroner's jury rendered a verdict of death from croup.

dent street, between Herry and Clinton streets, was entered yestering morning, and \$70 in money, a diamond pin and other leavelry, valued at about \$500, stolen therefrom.

THE POLICE TELEGRAPH.—The Common Council on Mordey evening awarded the contract for the extension of the fire and p lice telegraph to the Eastern District Station-Houses and those of the Eighth and Ninth Wards to Charles Robinson at \$300. The telegraph now connects only with the Phrt Second, Third and Pourth District Station-House, the bell tower on the City Hail and the office of the Deputy Superintendent. When the extension is made the did apparatus the same as that used in New-York—will be piaced on the apparatus now used.

Engine Runners.—Four men were arrested on Morely evening, by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, for racing with engines. They were leaked up, and in the morning fined \$10 cach. The fine was remitted by the Mayor and the prisoners disabarged.

The Perrey Association ... D THE RELIEF ASSOCIATION — During the past two stakes has Relief Association of the Eastern District have distributed over \$700 to those in destitute circumstances. The recepts of the Concert on Monday night were about \$250, and the funds now in the hands of the Committee are not far from \$2,500. There are many interesting facts that come to the knowledge of the officers. An American widow ledy, with a family of children, recently applied for assistance; she had multitained herself by sewing, but this source feiling, also side off article after article, until there was nothing left in the house. As a last resort, rather than be a recipient of a ms she took a set of teeth from her mouth, which cost \$45, and, breaking out the testh, sold the gold piste for \$4.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BENEFIT .- Citizens of the Eastern District should not forget the concert at Washington Hall this evening. They will not only set the full value of their moorey, but will also assist in a laudable cause, the money being appropriated for the benefit of the Fire Department Widows' and Orphans' Fund. Several well-known amateurs have tendered their services, and altogether it will be a most interesting affair.

ACCIDENTALLY DROWNED.—Coroner Rodding held an it-quast on Monday upon the body of Timothy Cais, who was drowned in Gowanna Creek on Sunday night. It appears deceased and a friend had missed their way and went out Hamilton avenue, where tany resided. The old Fenny Bridge over the creek being in a dilapidated condition, and out of use for a long times, they did not perceive it, and Cain was precipitated into the water. The Third District Police recovered the bedy and an inquest was held. The verdict rap dered was that Cain came to his death by being socidentally drowned.

DISCRARGED FROM CUSTODY .- Mr. Albert Peters who with two others, was arrested on the charge of robbing the slop Euterpe of beef at the Atlantic Basin, some days since, was brought before Justice Batchier, and there being up evi-dence to implicate him, he was homorably discharged.

Serious Accident.—Two children, three and five years of age, named Conner, whose mother sesides in Union systems, near Sailman street, were seriously if not fatally burned on Saturday by their ciothes taking fire from the store during the absonce of the mother. The neighbors were attracted by their screams, and upon extering the house discovered them enveloped in flames. Medical aid was called in but it is thought one of them cannot recover.

DECAMPING WITH ANOTHER MAN'S HOUSEHOLD FFEEUTS -- Mary Yogill and Joseph Struse, on Monday, were arrested to New York by Officers D. Jacobs and Murphy, charged with stealing farmiture and household effects from John W. Cash, in North Second street. Joseph and Mary became converts to the free-live mode of life, and required the articles to commerce business with, not being blessed with the means to provide them. They accordingly went into pertherthip in October last, Mary deserting Cash but retaining his goods. Aid. Wegicm committed the pair for trial.

NEW-JERSEY ITEMS.

MILITARY PARADES -The Continental Guard of Jer any City have a drill parade to-day. Line is to be formed at the armony at 12 o'clock, and after parading the principal streets of Jersey City they will march to Hadson.

The Wainington Grays of Hudson City also turn out this afternoon for drill and improvement.

A MAN BURIED WITH A BELT FULL OF GOLD

A MAN BURIED WITH A BELT FULL OF GOLD AROUND HIM -About a month ago the bedy of a man, who was supposed to have been accidentally drowned by falling from some of the ferry boats, was found floating in the water near the Morrie Cansi Pier at Jeney City, Justice Bedford held an inquest, and caused its informent at Bergen. Letters were found open the body which showed the man to be a German named Nicholas Wertner of Mascoutha, St. Clair County, Hilmot, and that he was on his way to Germany. Justice Bedford addressed a letter to Mascoutha, relating the occurrence, and a day or two since the widow of deceased made her appearance in Jersey City, and stated that her heaband had in a belt enable amount of gold with him, which he carries had been about his wrait. Her story was not fully credited but to satisfy her. Justice Bedford engaged Undertaker Speer to exhume the remains, and the result was the finding of a belt about his who do discovered at the incurest, but it is explained by the fact that the bedy having been long in the water, was a most past handling, and was, in consequence net so closely examined as it might otherwise have been

and ranted at \$750. On the top is a spread page, and in the sentry is a figure of Justice surrounded by a double row of heavy cognered oak leaves, and at the bottom is the word 5 Superintendent. On the bod part is bactled the following:

"Hen F. A. Tallmadge, Oscient Superintendent of the Mistrepolitan Police; as a token of respect from a few friends attached to the Department, January, 1868."

NEW-JERSET STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION .- The NEW-JERSET STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The serval meeting of this body will commence at Treaten on the livia inc. The attendance promises to be larger than usual, and the meeting is expected to be one of more than ordinary interest. Addresses are to be delivered during the session by the Rev. J. Towniego Crane. Principal of the Pennington Sentiary; lesiad Peckham, President of the Association; and by Pendermon Principal of the State Bormal School, on "The Fundamental Principles of Universal Education, and the Duty of the Government of New-Jersey in relation to them."

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

SUPPEME COURT—SPACIAL TERM—DEC. IS.—Before the Box. Judge ROOSEVELT. Victor Seri and Louis Gazzalo Seri, an infant, by his guardian ad litem, vs. Henry A. Cuit. Mrs. Isabel Orrono O Farrol, a widow lady residing

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—Dec. 15.—Before Judge Brany
Elijah Fowler agt. James M. Fisndress.
This was a suit sgainest a Police Justice for damages for felse imprisement and improper treatment white in sonforment. Is 1856, the platetif was arrested unfer the statute for pre-venting shandonment of children by their parents. It was alleged in the complaint unjer which the arrest was used that the plaintiff in this suit had refused to provide for the support of one of his daughters. From the restimony, however, of the plaintiff it appeared that instead of his having abandonaed its children he had been deserted by his wife and the said children, consisting of one son said three or four daughters. That she expectedly had left the pleintiff and come from Albany, where they had previously resided to New York. That the plaintiff had so bequently come bere also, and had repeatedly tried to the clothing; and that he had always contributed something to their support, except when he was disabled from work by a breaken hand but that his family had refused to live with him and had lifterested him on several occasions. On his arrest, it is alleged that the paintiff was committed in default of sail without an examination, which he statute provides, and that he was confined in a small, damp call attached to the Folice faction in accomment. The Jury were cut at the sejournment of the Court.

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Judgo Bindsayz
Roger Costello sgt. Burdets Stryker, Sherte, &c.

Roger Costello agt. Burdett Stryaer, merut, ac.
This was an action to recover the value of a quasitity of coffee ievied on by the Sheriff, on a writ of replevin. In Angust is at Officer Ferry, of the Third Precinct, saw Costello in the possession of a lot of ceffee which he was about taking to New York, and which the officer seduced on suspicion of having been stolen. Costello stated that he bought it of John Minch, and Minch was arrested on suspicion of having etoies it. On the examination before Judge Baltchier, Minch was discharged. The ceffre had in the mean time been placed in the castedy of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, John S Folk. Costello demanded the ceffee of Folk, after the discharge of Minch, and was informed that the Sheriff had taken it on a writ of rejevin. Maninan & Roller, the persons from whom the coffee was sleeped to have been roller, had indemnified the Sheriff and sted cut the replevin against Folk. Costello rejevined and brought this suit. It was proven on the trial that the coffee was pugchesed from Minch. On the other hand, it was shown that ceffee had been stolen from the vassel, but they fid ast identify this coffee as any portion of that that had been stolen from the casel, but they fid ast identify this coffee as any portion of that that had been stolen for plaintiff, assessing the value at \$120.55. \$1.00. Lowfer for plaintiff, John Dikeman for defendant.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS -Dec. 15 .- Before Re-

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS—Dec. 15.—Before Recorder Setting.

The first case called this morning after the organization of the Court was that of Carl Richter, indicted for receiving stolen goods the property of Meeker & Madoff, alls and trimming manufacturers, No 24 John street. The property was alleged to have been stolen by a German clork in the employ of the softward firm who disposed of the goods to the presoner. The circh, named Frederick Volmeding, confessed his guilt in the premiers and turned State's sydence in the case. But this confessed this was the main witness for the people, and it appeared that the prisoner had previously to the theft now committed by the clerk been in the hebit of buying goods through this clerk from the above firm, with the full connectiff the firm, and selling them on commission. The firm finally ferbid the sale of any more goods to the accused. Subsequently the clerk came to the secused and mode another tender of the sale of goods and nothing appeared to show that the defendant known, at the time this second tender was made, that the good delivered to him by the clerk were stolen goods, a knowledge by the accused that they were stolen goods, a knowledge by the accused against him. It appeared that the accused was in the hebit of selling the goods and returning to the alerk the proceeds, reserving to himself a commission, though sometimes into the hebit of selling the goods and returning to the alerk the proceeds reserving to himself a commission, though sometimes into the hebit of selling the goods and returning to the alerk the proceeds reserving to himself a commission, though sometimes in the hebit of selling the goods and returning to the alerk the proceeds of the selling the sease of the orine charged manufacture and the first the first the selling the sease returned as we dot of not guilty.

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If caught here after the expiration of that time, he would be and to State Prison, on the judgment arising from his own plea of sulley.

Wm. M. Caney was then arraigned, indicted for stealing, on the night of the 18th of Nov., \$45 in money, with other property, in all amounting to over \$4100 from Timothy to property in all amounting to over \$4100 from Timothy and the property in all amounting to over \$4100 from Timothy to appeared in evidence, that the acquised alept at the hones of the appeared in evidence, that the acquised alept at the hones of the complainant on the night in question, and when Danaby west to be do not he aforescial right, he had in his drawer under the cunter \$65 in money, with two pocket-books and a purse, three pen-knives, a ring and a gold and diver panell. All this property was in the drawer when he complainant want to bed, and the drawer was looked with two locks. When Danaby set up the next merning, the prisoner was up and gons, and the noney-drawer was affected all the contents. In two days affect, money-drawer was affected and the keys of the drawer were the prisoner was arrested, and the keys of the drawer were the prisoner was arrested, and the keys of the drawer were the prisoner was arrested and the keys of the drawer were been complished to entitled as his property, except such perfons effect the money found, as sould not to the noney, all of which the contribed as sould not to the heat of what was found on thim, but denied stealing the whole amount charged against him. In the denied stealing the whole amount charged against him. In the state had one of the was a property and was entitled bearing the was 27 years old, and was loom in the denied stealing the whole amount charged against him his deposition, accused said he was 27 years old, and was loom in the leaded guilty to an attempt at grand larceny, and was entienced to the State prison for two years.

John McCann pleaded guilty to an attempt at grand larceny, and was sentenced to the State prison for two years to marked to